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4731 N Washington Blvd.,
Arlington, VA 22205
February 11th, 1981
Dear Gary:
the last was a
Received today another package of materials from you
couple of months ago and a huge pile of valuable press cuttings on various
subjects. I want you to know that after reading these materials, I have been
donating them to the INFO library, where they will remain available for others
to study at liesure.
The sea monster articles fascinate me, mainly because I believe in them I
suppose. I am impressed that much of your material is original, you do not appear
to have simply rehashed stuff published by Sanderson, Huevelmanns, Gould, etc.
It is a great pity that so many sightings are unreported. I do believe that
there were many sightings during the war, when every ship maintained lookouts
day and night in all the oceans. Publicity such as your own articles may bring
some of them to light.
Have you attempted to draw any parallels with the sightings of the more famous
lake monsters? Do you not think there may be a connection somewhere?
Pity is that these creatures seem to be loners, and judging by the numbers
seen, there are not many left. Of course, there are many parts of the ocean
that are not polluted by regular traffic, vast reaches of the Atlantic and
Pacific for sure. Have you heard if any of these 'small boat' sailors ever
saw anything strange?
Have you ever tried to publish an article in one of the seamens magazines?
The national Maritime Union and National Seamens Union must put out a magazine
of some kind, perhaps you would get some response from readers.
What are you doing at Bloomsbury State? It is close enough that you might
be able to visit us at Fortfest this year probably Sep 19/20. It will be
held at Maryland University. Not too far away. If you think you might, and would
be interested in giving a paper, please contact Paul Willis, he is coordinating
those things at the moment.
Thanks again for the copies. They really fascinate me. You have done a
very fine job.
Ray Manners

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Dear Gary,
CATON'S
CURRASABLE
BOND

4505 Calvert Road,
College Park,
Ma. 20740.
Good luck with your new venture I wish you every success.
Thanks for the many interesting cuttings
I want to study two of them in
detail, and then I propose passing them on to INFO for their files - I trust you
approve of my action.
Sincerely,
Stuart W. Greenwood

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April 17, 1980
Gary Mangiacopra
7 Arlmont St.
Milford, CT 06460
Dear Gary,
Two questions: (a) How would you like to be listed as an official
INFO Consultant? (b) Can you tell me anything about the "Lac Pohenegamook
Monster" (P.Q., Canada, across the border from northern Maine)?
Careful now. If you answer (b), that means you're consulting. So if
you answer "no" to (a), you'll be rather inconsistent. (I'm trying to be
as unfair as possible.)
Do let me hear from you.
Best wishes,
aul
Paul Willis
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April 30, 1980
Gary Mangiacopra
7 Arlmont Street
Milford, CT 06460
Dear Gary,
Thanks for your letter of the 20th. OK -- you are now an INFO
Consultant. Insofar as there is any honor or recognition to that
title, the pleasure is all ours.
Evidently, the stuff you sent us (assuming it arrived) is still
in a box of unfiled clips and copies. As soon as I find the time,
I'll go through it and see if the Lac Pohenegamook material is
there. I've had little time of late to catch up on filing as the

editorial and correspondence work has occupied my INFO activity since my return to editorship.
On your suggestion, I've written today also to Lee Frank to see if he can tell me anything or supply any other contacts. Thanks for the lead.
Again, welcome aboard as a Consultant of name (you already were de facto), and I hope that your continued support of INFO will always prove to be rewarding to your manifold Fortean interests.
Best wishes,
Faul
PJWillis
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Roger Wescott
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John Simpson
Canada:
Gene Duplantier
Mr. G. S. Mangiacopra
7 Arlmont St.,
Milford, CONN 06460
Dear Gary:
Thank you for your recent letter and the $11
enclosed. I have checked with Alice Johnson, she believes
that your order for the airplane was one she took at Firtfest.
So everything is OK. All the loose ends have been
properly connected.
Journal #20 is at the printers, and we expect to
have it mailed before Christmas.
We are establishing our new offices next week.
The new INFO address will be:
7317 Baltimore Ave,
College Park,
Maryland 20740.
[AD] Phone is (301) 779-1873. A recording machine is attached
when no-one is there. 1873 is the year Fort was conceived. The phone
is listed in his name.
Eire (Rep. of Ireland);
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Jacques Bergler
New Zealand:
D. C. Shouler
U.K.Agunt:
Robert J. H. Rickard
Sineerely,
Ray Manners

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Dear Gary:
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John Keel
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Australia:
John Simpson
British Isles:
Robert J. M. Rickard
I'm sorry your original letter didn't get answered at
once. I've been relying on Paul for much of the correspondence
and he's been sitting on it. Quite agravating to me.
Unfortunately in reading your needs, we don't seem to
have anything you don't have. The only picture we have is
the one on the cover, and the ones in the articles you mention.
Pince then, none of us has done anything in addition re giant
octopuses. We have some data on giant squid- do your interests
include them. If so let me know at once and I'll get that
material together.
Re Eric F. Russell. this is a sad case. He is very old
now and apparently fairly senile. He wrote us onee or twice
when we first started INFO and said that the old Fortean
Society still existed in England but it was now a secret
organization which only selected peo le could enter. We
could never make any sensible contact with him so gave up.
Its unfortunate because his GWM is a fine book and he
could have done much more in Fortean writing if he had
set his mind to it I think.
We appreciate your help in the past and I guarantee
that our correspondence will be up to date from now on.
Working on INFO #10 now.
Canada:
Gene Duplantier
New Zealand:
D. G. Shouler
Yours
Ro
Ron

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John Simpson
British Isles:
Robert J. M. Rickard
Dear Gary,
Apr. 13, 1973
The books: Sanderson, Technine, and Napier, will be sent you this weekend. Tomorrow I'll try to gather a couple of dozen clippings for you.
Thanks for the xeroxes of the articles.
The mammoth item is interesting -- we are originally from Missouri, by the way, and I remember visiting Jacob's Cavern when I was 11 or 12, although I don't fearing about a mammoth engraving. (Not that the commercial proprietors of such a place would care greatly about such details.)
The fish-fall item is also most useful. The next issue of the Journal will have a listing of fish falls in Australia.
Best wishes, and hope you can make it down in August for the INFO Convention.
Yours
Sand
Paul W.
Canada:
Gene Duplantier
New Zealand:
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Jim McClarin
Andrew E. Rothovius
Dear Gary,
Apr. 4, 1973
We have received the just-published American ed. of BIGFOOT, by John Napier, and can add that to the list of suggested loan materials.
As you can see the idea of a Bigfoot display is nothing that one seems to be handling at the moment. Some kind of an exhibit, available for interested groups really should be created.
Enclosed is the first program of our convention for this year.
Australia:
John Simpson
British Isles:
Robert J. M. Rickard
Canada:
Gene Duplantier
New Zealand:
D. G. Shouler
Best,
Paul W.

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Prof. Charles Hapgood
John Keel
Jim McClarin
Andrew E. Rothovius
Australia:
John Simpson
British Isles:
Robert J. M. Rickard

Dear Gary,

Thanks for your Fortfest registration and for your letter of July 11th. I'm looking forward to meeting you in August.

Enclosed is a copy of the latest convention bulletin. You'11 note that any non-member can attend the Saturday, Aug. 11, and Sunday, Aug. 12, sessions. Registration is $6.00 for each day, a total of $12.00. Non-members will not be allowed into the Friday evening session -- that we hope will be the "fun" session of the whole spiel.

Why not give the enclosed bulletin and business reply envelope to your friend? He's welcome to attend either of both the Sat/Sun sessions. In fact, he has a hearty welcome!

Keep in touch.

If you have any questions, just drop us a line. See you in August.

Canada:
Gene Duplantier
New Zealand:
D. G. Shouler

Best,
Taul
Paul Willis

P.S.: What are your accomodation plans? Do you need a Holiday Inn reservation form? If so, let me know.

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Dear Gary,

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P. O. Box 367, Arlington, Va. 22210
Mar. 30, 1976
Sorry that I haven't been keeping in better touch with you, but now
that things are better organized with INFO, I should be able to do better.
About your giant octopus article: would you have any objection to
my splitting it in two (because of its length) and having it appear in
two consecutive issues of the JOURNAL? Otherwise it might be necessary
to publish it as an Occasional Paper, and it would get less exposure.
Enclosed is Bulletin One for this year's FORT FEST. Hope you can
make it.
Best,
Paul Willis
Ed., INFO

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Australia:
John Simpson
Dear Gary,
Mar. 19, 1973
Sorry to be so slow in answering your letter
of Feb. 15th.
We would be glad to help the Biology Club and
could loan copies of books, reports, etc., as long
as you can cover the costs.
I've never heard of the film you mention, Sasquatch,
but will look into it. (I've also heard of another
Canadian film on the Ogopogo, the lake monster, but

have never been able to track that down.)
If you are still interested in what our files have
on giant squids and giant octopi, etc., I could also
try to draw up biblio of the material of greatest
interest.
As to our problems with time, they are certainly
quite serious, being exceeded perhaps only by problems
of money, but we do what we can.
British Isles:
Robert J. M. Rickard
Canada:
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New Zealand:
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Best,
Paul Willis

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Vincent Gaddis
George Haas
Mark Hall
Charles Hapgood
John Keel
Al Lopez
Jim McClarin
Andrew E. Rothovius
Michael D. Swords
Dear Gary,
Thanks for your letter with photos of the
Bigfoot exhibit, and for the return of the books,
received today.
Glad to hear that the thing turned out well.
The "Jersey Devil" is an old phenomenon--did
the person who mentioned it imply that recent

reports have been coming in? Would like to hear
more.
Very best,
Faul
Paul W.
Australia:
John Simpson
British Isles:
Robert J. M. Rickard
Canada:
Gene Duplantier
New Zealand:
D. G. Shouler

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Sincerely yours,
Alice Johnson
Alice Johnson
Fortfest '76 Hostess
4203 Mellwood Lane
Fairfax, Virginia 22030
[AD] 703-378-7096
call from 6:30 A.M. to
9:30 A.M. or
9-12 P.M.

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June 2, 1976
Dear Gary,
Answering the question as to whether a presentation on Brodbeck would fit into a FORTFEST program has been a bit of a problem. I will have to say on the basis of my advisors with aeronautical savvy (Stu Greenwood, Ray Manners, and Don Berliner), no. That is, no, if the presentation were just on Brodbeck.
He seems to have been a man who invented an extraordinarily complicated way of falling out of a tree; hardly qualifying him as a pioneer of aviation.
However, if you were to expand a talk to include Brodbeck as an eccentric specimen within the context of late-nineteenth century aviation experimenters (Langley, et al) that is another thing. The whole issue of flight experimenters especially if tied in to some extent with the mystery "airships" business would certainly be interesting, and would certainly qualify as Fortean. You may not want to do this, or may not have the time to develope something like this. But a talk solely on Brodbeck, I feel I must veto.
that is all you have, or will have, then I would suggest that doing your talk on the giant octopus, undelivered last year, will be far more preferable.
In any case, I very much want you to talk, but I think that pure and

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If
. simple Brodbeck isn't what we're looking for. Presented as part of a larger picture fine.
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Please let me have your thoughts and reactions.
Best wishes,
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Paul W.
P.S. The "INFO building" you ask of is my apartment building. The files and library are kept in my ex-bedroom. If you are around after the Fest, you can of course look at anything you want. (Probably there will be no one here during the Fest.) There is a copying machine, which can be used if you will supply some 3M "Casual Copier" copying
At the present we haven't any paper for it due to lack of
paper.
funds.
FORTFEST 76: the 102nd Anniversary of the Birth of Charles Hoy Fort
Hospitality House Motor Inn, Arlington, Virginia, August 6-7-8, 1976

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P.S.:
please extend my personal invitation to Carl Pabst to attend FORTFEST.
very, very welcome, and I hope to see him again.
Yes
He is
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June 26, 1976
Dear Gary,
Thanks for your last couple of letters. Yes, by all means, do a presentation on the Carson City Footprints love to have it!!! This case has long fascinated
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me and I would think that the straight scoop on it would be of great interest to many people. So I will put you on the list to deliver a talk on this subject.
I have to make the point however, that both Stuart Greenwood and Ray Manners, whose aerodynamic knowledge is not to be sneezed at (I hope not!) have told me that in their view Brodbeck was ignorant of mach basic aerodynamic knowledge and that his machine could never have been successful. As technical consultants in this area, I am inclined to go along with the ir opinion that researching Brodbeck is a rather nugatory dead-end street. But, it also occurs to me that perhaps we may be witnessing the generation of an interesting controversy here. May be we could set up some sort of debate on this issue what do you think?
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Of course, we all know that it is impossible for bumble bees to fly.
So you are member #1052. Wondered who that was. Why do SITU members have

numbers like convicts? I do wish they'd knock off that bullshit.
We have a new feature in the upcoming INFO JO, by the way, in which members (number-less and unchained) can solicit research material. Take advantage of it.
The "Texas Air Ship" book sounds like a great idea to me. I have an old friend down in Texas who is interested in this sort of thing, and who might be able to give you some input. You keep saying that the subject isn't really Fortean. Why not? Strange and ignored inventions are part of the Fortean stream of consciousness, so why quibble about terms? Recall, for example, attention that Fort himself directed to Keeley.
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Mr.
You are not alone in checking out refs. in the Fort books
X in Canada, and Bob Rickard in England have been doing this for a coupla years now and hope to one day put out a sort of "concordance" to THE BOOKS.
I look forward to your future articles for the INFO JO and to seeing you at the Fest and afterwards.
Best,
Tank
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wishing you
HAPPY
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-Paulx Rou
(and mind the frogs...)

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Dear Gary,
July 18, 1981
Thanks for your letter of the 15th. The FORTFEST is going to be in October this year. Prelim flier is enclosed. A two-page program will be ready in a couple of days, and I'll mail you one of those.
Speakers in alphabetical order:
Larry Arnold -
Jerry Clark -
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"An Update on Spontaneous Human Combustion"
"The Fortean Skeptic"
Loren Cole an
"Phantom Clowns, Mystery Kangaroos and Other Current Craziness!"
Leroy Ellenberger "A Velikovsky Update"
Lee Frank
Bob Jones
John Keel
Ron Westrum
"Science and the Unexplained"
"Recent Work by VESTIGIA"
"An Acerbic Address"
"A Sociology of Hidden Events"
Joe Zarzinsky
--
"The Search for 'Champ' -- an Update -- 1981"
Possible speakers include: Bob Chance on "Bigfoot in Maryland," Bill Corliss on "The Source Book Project. a Progress Report", and a representative from Philadelphia of NEARA on British Antiquities.
Hope you can make it -- it should be our best yet!
All the best,
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Paul Willis
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Canada:
Gene Duplantier
New Zealand:
D. G. Shouler
Gary Mangiacopra
7 Arlmost Street
Milford, CN
06460
Dear Mr. Mangiacopra:
In re: your letter of 3-22-73.
I'm rather
unsure what limits you might place on scientific
respectability for purposes of your projected
Bigfoot exhibit. The whole field is not exactly
reeking of respectability.
Do you have copies of the following?:
Sanderson, ABOMINABLE SNOWMAN
Green, John. ON THE TRACK OF THE SASQUATCH
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YEAR OF THE SASQUATCH
Tehernine, Odette. IN PURSUIT OF THE ABOMINABLE
SNOWMAN
I have just paged through our ABSM file, but
noticed no clipping of any great pictorial interest
or particular respectability hot shown or mentioned
somewhere in the refs, listed above. If you do not
have these vols, readily available, we can loan them
to you.
As for what you might wish to copy and use
from them, that is of course your own value judgement.
Sir John Napier's book on the Bigfoot problem is due
for publication in this country, but we don't have a
copy 00
I doubt that it's out yet.
Very truly,
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son Willin
Paul J. Willis

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'll like it.
getting
hope you
Sincerely
Ray Ma

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11/03/89
Dear Gary,
Thank you, again, for your particip-
ation in this year's 'Fest! I
cannot tell you how much we apprec-
ate the fine photo collection that
you have put together for us!
I have enclosed your tickets for

each event. You will be our first
speaker-you are slated to talk from
11:15am-12:05pm.
Please make your reservation with
the Tysons Westpark Hotel (1-800-
[AD] 533-3301) and ask for the Internat-
ional Fortean Org. rate (we have
plenty of rooms left), ASAP.
I'm looking forward to greeting
you on Saturday!
Best
PHNCCIS,
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Gary,
Thanks for
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(To be held after the Banquet).
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THE INTERNATIONAL FORTEAN ORGANIZATION
July 2, 1990
Gary S. Mangiacopra

7 Arlmont Street
Milford, CT 06460
Dear Gary:
With new research, evidence and theories in virtually every aspect of Forteana surfacing at an astonishing rate, the world of Fortean publishing is increasingly dynamic and exciting. The International Fortean Organization takes pride in its leadership in providing prominent Fortean authors with a world-wide forum for their research in our internationally-respected INFO Journal.
Our on-going efforts to improve the quality of our Journal depend upon the assistance of researchers such as yourself - involved, enthusiastic and, perhaps more important, who produce quality material that deserves to reach an ever-wider audience.
INFO wants to help you reach that wider audience, for in so doing you are not only helping us to produce an ever-better Journal, but you are increasing the audience that shares your interests. Help us to help you! Let us know what you are doing or, better still, send us your manuscripts!
We enclose for your convenience a copy of INFO's revised guidelines for submitting manuscripts to The INFO Journal.
We look forward to your submissions as much as you look forward to having them published!
Sincerely,
Jem Theisen
Jim Theisen
Vice President, INFO
P.S.: We are all looking forward to seeing you at Fort Fest 90!
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P.S. It is my personal view that the article could have been published as a part of the regular Journal, without the accompanying sensationalism. The Board objects to the manner of the publication, not the article itself, or its author. - Donal Buchanan
P.S. - - A refutation of the credibility of abduction accounts is a perfectly valid subject for an "Occasional Paper." I would be interested in reading it and might well agree with the thesis. However:
1. It should not have been published without board approval.
2. It should not be advertised as if it were INFO dogma.
3. Like other board members, I have not had a chance to read it, but I seriously doubt that the claim of "Proof" can be substantiated.
David Singer

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Date: 9/25/93
Dear Friend of INFO:
$ 16
Your check/M.O./cash for $
has been received.
Your new membership/renewal has been processed and you are
paid up through Journal #3 74
Your new membership will start with Journal #
Your correspondence has been passed to an INFO staff member
for reply.
Your order for publications has been received.
The materials
are enclosed/will be mailed separately. Please allow time for
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Thanks for your contribution! Hope
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August 18, 1995
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Dear Gary:
INFO Journal #73, with your 3-D review, goes into the bulk mail on Monday. Thank you for your contribution. You are entitled to one contributor's copy or an extension of your membership.
INFO member Keith Partain (who is a biologist) sent me a copy of the technical paper on the Florida carcass, so I can send you a copy if by chance you haven't seen it yet. As planned, IJ 73 has a box describing the Post news story on the case, with appended initial reactions from Heuvelmans, yourself (thank you!), and Ron Rosenblatt. I would like to do another follow-up next issue, with reactions to the technical paper, as I think this is a very important case. I have already invited Keith and Michel Raynal to contribute, and will also ask Heuvelmans and Roy Mackal (can you give me his address?). If I get only one response, I will still publish it as a letter. Keith asked me what I thought, and I responded with the following. (I will be sending this to the others as well. Feel free to incorporate any of these points if you wish in anything you write.)
The paper has a number of peculiarities that give one pause. While using specific specimens for comparison might seem suitably scientific, it begs many questions. Why is no literature cited to support observations of characteristics in the specimens? Does such literature not exist? We are consequently left ignorant of how much variation might exist in such characteristics. Moreover, because a giant octopus would necessarily be an unknown

species, we have no way of knowing how closely it might accord with the specific octopus specimen chosen, nor whether that specimen is representative of octopuses in general. While the paper speaks of "perpendicular" fibers, I see broken, shrunken segments at a variety of non-perpendicular angles, but I don't mean to quibble (and I may very well not understand exactly what is being referred to). More important, the fact that the whale specimen was preserved in formalin, while the octopus specimen was preserved in alcohol, suggests the possibililty that the similarity between the whale and the unknown resulted from degradation of the fibers by the formalin. Another important point is that no one knows what part of the animal the sample came from, so the fact that octopuses have only a thin layer of collagen does not seem significant. By the way, the paper spends a great deal of effort establishing the identity of the specimen as collagen, with a tone that implies that this is new, yet Gennaro concluded it was collagen in 1971. The only substantial evidence I see of this coming from a whale is the band ratio.

I am more impressed by quantified chemical analysis than by visual judgment, so I found the amino acid comparisons more interesting. Here we find that several of the figures are closer to the octopus than to the whale. But again, we are told nothing about what the range of variation is for any of these figures. This is a laughably gross blunder of methodology.

All of this stands against the observations of three witnesses who testified to tentacles (arms) in the carcass (plus suggestive photos) and Dr. DeWebb's observation of several internal organs in the carcass.

Cordially,
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Dear Gary:

What do you think of the new claim that the 1896 Florida carcass was probably a whale? Gennaro stands by his work, as you probably know, so which scientist should we believe. I am soliciting comments from some prominent cryptozoologists for #73. I hope to write a box for our Damned Data department, which will summarize the news item and include these commentaries. Would you care to write a paragraph or two of commentary? I would especially like to get your reaction because of your article on the subject in INFO Journal #17 & 18.

Whatever the true identification, I find it significant that Gennaro's findings were largely unheralded, while the latest test is trumpeted.

We have a short deadline-May 15-but I am not seeking an extended, article-like contribution, so I hope this is possible.

Thank you for your periodic contributions of clippings.

Cordially,
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